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1. SOVIET EMBASSY HAS INVITED FOUR EMBASSY OFFICERS AND WIVES TO
"COCKTAIL" ON APRIL 18 AND "RECEPTION" ON MAY 9. LOCALLY PRINTED
INVITATIONS INDICATED FUNCTIONS WERE TO CELEBRATE "THE GREAT FATHERLAND

WAR", BUT THIS REFERENCE WAS STRICKEN OUT AND REPLACED IN PEN WITH
"THE DEFEAT OF THE HITLERITE FASCISM".

2. INVITEES TO COCKTAIL PARTY APRIL 18 WERE ALMOST ENTIRELY N'DJAMENA
DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY (OTHERS STATED THEIR OWN INVITATIONS HAD BEEN
ALTERED AS ABOVE), INCLUDING EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR (WEST GERMANY
HAS NO REPRESENTATION HERE). COCKTAILS WERE FOLLOWED BY TWO-HOUR
LONG SERIES OF MOTION PICTURES DEPICTING VICTORY OF SOVIET FORCES
AND INCLUDED ONE FILM WITH ACTORS PLAYING OUT HITLER'S LAST DAYS
IN BERLIN. VIOLENCE DEPICTED IN FILMS WAS NOT EXACTLY APPROPRIATE
IN LIGHT OF PAST WEEK'S EVENTS HERE.

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